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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

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Former temporary boundary between V and III Corps rescinded. New temporary operational boundary between V and III Corps as follows: F3324 - F3322 - F4116 - F4219.

Boundary between XXX Corps and II Canadian Corps (effective 062400A): As before to SONNECK A0535 - thence to A1134 - railway junction A1534 - thence along the railway to the RHINE River at A2040 (all incl to II Cdn Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (061200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division. No change.

I Corps. No change.

II Corps. 3d Algerian Division. Repulsed a small counterattack in the vicinity of R1318.

SEVENTH ARMY. 3d and 45th Divisions. No change.

VI Corps. No change.

XV Corps. No change.

XXI Corps. 63d Division. Advanced north one mile on a one and one-half mile front. Captured the railroad line at Q5067 and partially occupied the wooded area in the vicinity of Q5068. Heavy opposition was encountered. Front line change: Q5168 - Q5068 - Q4966. 70th Division. Advanced one mile north on a five-mile front against determined resistance. Captured the entire BOIS-DE-RESERVE Q3666 and partially occupied the FORET-DE-FORBACH Q3967. Front line change: Q4468 - Q3868 - Q3767 - Q3567. 12th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" relieved the 70th Division in STIRING-WENDEL Q4167 where house-to-house fighting continued against diminishing resistance.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (062400A). 29th Division. No change.

XIX Corps. 2d Armored Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of F1891 at 061000A. 30th Division. Relieved from attachment to XIX Corps and attached to XVI Corps.

XIII Corps. All organized resistance west of the RHINE River within the corps zone was eliminated. 84th Division. Consolidated and improved positions. 5th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" advanced to the RHINE River in the vicinity of A2924.

XVI Corps. 35th Division. (With CCB, 8th Armd Div, and 15th Cav Gp atchd). Attacked north on the corps front (8 miles). Captured RHEINBERG A2128, WINTERSWICK A2126, BUDBERG A2326, EVERSAEL A2528 and numerous small populated areas within the zone against heavy resistance from infantry weapons, artillery and anti-tank guns. 134th Infantry assembled in the vicinity of SEVELEN A0922. Front line change: RHINE River A2726 to A2330 - A2029 - A1928 - A1628. 30th Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of K7376 (less 120th Inf).

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. XII Corps. No change.

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VIII Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. 15th and 49th Divisions. No change.

XXX Corps. 53d Division. (With 8th Armd Bde atchd). Attacked in the direction of ALPEN A1531 and advanced one mile northeast where the advance was checked by a strong enemy counterattack. Front line change: A1530 - A1430. Guards Armored Division. Attacked east and gained two miles. Made contact with the 53d Division in the vicinity of A1430. A small enemy force in the wooded area A1230 was surrounded. Front line change: A1430 - A1432.

II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Attacked in the direction of VEEN A1135 and made a two and one-half mile advance on a narrow front. Front line change: A1135. 3d Canadian Division. 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade gained one mile on a one-mile front against light opposition. Front line change: A0736 - A0837.

I Corps. No change.

AIR. (6 March). Eighth Air Force: No operations. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 277 bombers against marshalling yards in SIEGBURG F6444, RECKLINGHAUSEN A6236 and OPLADEN F4874. Several casual targets were bombed. Three bombers were lost. The Tactical Air Commands flew seventeen sorties.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light rain and drizzle. Clouds: Overcast. Visibility: 1 to 2 miles at dawn, becoming 2 to 4 miles by 1200A. Wind: 12 mph, northwest. Temperatures at HALUR: Maximum 50° F. Minimum 40° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. 89th Division. No change.

XX Corps. 26th Division. The 104th Infantry closed in the vicinity of Q0771 and the 328th Infantry closed in the vicinity of TAREN L1706. The division commenced the relief of the 94th Division. 94th Division. (With 3d Cav Gp atchd). Enemy infiltrations into our lines in the vicinity of L2617 penetrated to L2317. Units of the 302d and 376th Infantry Regiments continued to mop up this infiltration. Front line change: L2317. 10th Armored Division. (With 417th Inf atchd). Units in the bridgehead south of the MOSELLE River gained one mile east. Units in the bridgehead north of the MOSELLE River made a small gain to the north. Advances made in both bridgeheads were against strong opposition. Fighting continued in MERTESDORF L2830. Front line change: L2630 - MERTESDORF L2830 - L2832 - L2934 - L2835 - L2834 - L2634 and L2436. 65th Division. Commenced the relief of the 26th Division. The 259th Infantry relieved the 328th Infantry (26th Div) in the line.

XII Corps. 76th Division. (Less 417th Inf and with 2d Cav Gp atchd). Advanced three miles east against light resistance and reached the vicinity of BINSFELD L2652. The 2d Cavalry Group commenced crossing into the bridgehead area. Front line change: L2248 - L2650 - BINSFELD L2652. 5th Division. Advanced two miles east against scattered to moderate resistance. Correction to G-3 Report No. 274 6 March. The 2d Infantry launched the attack in the bridgehead. Front line change: L2454 - L2554 - L2455 - L2660. 4th Armored Division. Advanced a spearhead seventeen miles northeast against scattered resistance. Captured UDERSDORF L3373 and reached SCHONBACH L4379 and EPPENBERG L5283. Front line change: UDERSDORF L3373 - STEINBERG L4176 - L5587 - EPPEMBERG L5283 - SCHONBACH L4379 - L3176.

VIII Corps. 6th Cavalry Group. Closed in the vicinity of P9792. Then relieved units of the 87th Division on the front line from STADTKYLL L1495 to L0093.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 13th Armored, 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 86th, 97th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 062400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
Twelfth Army Group Battle	61,500	253,671	25,827	8,805	359,803
Non-battle					260,170
				Total Casualties	619,973

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Twenty-First Army Group

Second British Army (Tac)	E8722
VIII British Corps	HORST E8218
30th Division	ECHT K6980
35th Division	LINTFORT A1722
52d Division	E9524
8th Armored Division	GREFRATH A0205

Twelfth Army Group

III Corps	ZULPICH F2333
1st Division	FRIESHEIM F3240
2d Division	VLATTEN F1528
4th Division	SCHWIRZHEIM L1382
78th Division	DURSCHEVEN F2830
90th Division	KOPP L1775
11th Armored Division	BUDESHEIM L1580

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90th Division. Crossed the KYLL River and advanced two miles east against moderate fire from infantry weapons. Captured BUSCHEICH L2478, PELM L2581 and all of MURLENBACH L1973. Front line change: L2070 - L2073 - BUSCHEICH L2478 - L2680 - PELM L2581 - L2582 - L2583. 4th Division. Advanced two miles east to the KYLL River in the vicinity of L2384. Units entered BEVINGEN L2384. The 8th Infantry closed in division reserve in the vicinity of L1084. Front line change: BEVINGEN L2384 - L2484. 11th Armored Division. Crossed the KYLL River and made a small advance to the east against medium resistance. Front line change: L2385 - L2288. 87th Division. Established a bridgehead across the KYLL River against moderate resistance and made a small gain to the northeast. Fighting continued in GLAADT L1695. The 347th Infantry closed in the vicinity of ORMONT L0792. Front line change: L2491 - L2095 - L1695.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. Resistance to the corps advance was generally very light. Blown bridges, many mines, and trees felled across roads impeded the advance. 106th Division. Advanced two miles east to L1099 - F1001 and commenced to be pinched out by the rapid advance of the 69th Division. 69th Division. Advanced seven miles east and captured BENENBERG F1308, DAHLEN L1599, UNT. SCHOMBACH F1206, SCHMIDTHEIM F1602 and HECKEN F1307. Units continued to mop up scattered resistance remaining in the DAHLEMER WALD F1103. Front line change: DAHLEN L1599 - SCHMIDTHEIM F1602 - UNT. SCHOMBACH F1206 - HECKEN F1307 - BENENBERG F1308. 28th Division. Advanced eleven miles east through woods and captured KELDENICH F1816, SOTENICH F1614, KALL F1616, TONDORF F2709, SISTIG F1311 and STEINFELD F1612. Front line change: SISTIG F1311 - TONDORF F2709. 2d Division. Advanced fifteen miles southeast. Captured PESCH F2615, WEYER F2316, NOTHEN F2817, ZINGSHEIM F2313, HOHN F3015, WALD F3915, BOUDERATH F2813, BERGRATH F3013, EICHERSCHEID F3115 and MUNSTEREIFEL F3118. Front line change: F2712 - F2911 - BOUDERATH F2813 - BERGRATH F3013 - HOHN F3015 - EICHERSCHEID F3115 - MUNSTEREIFEL F3118 - high ground F3417 - WALD F3915. 102d Cavalry Group. Advanced eleven miles south through the MUNSTER WALD F3317. Captured ESCHEILER F2919, SCHEUREN F4018 and OBR. KRALINGEN F4314. Front line change: SCHEUREN F4018 - OBR. KRALINGEN F4314. 7th Armored Division. Began movement to the vicinity of GINNICK F1734.

III Corps. 78th Division. Advanced five miles southeast through the KURTEN BUSCH F4520 against light resistance. Captured MERZBACH F4222 and HILBERATH F4518. Front line change: HILBERATH F4518 - high ground F4620. 9th Armored Division. Advanced twelve miles southeast toward the RHINE River F6222. Resistance was generally light during the advance except for considerable small arms and self-propelled gun fire encountered southeast of ADENDORF F5224. Captured RHEINBACH F4425, STADT MECKENHEIM F4925, VETTELHOVEN F5219, KIRCHDAUN F5919, FLERZHEIM F4628 and MORENHOVEN F4430. Front line change: VETTELHOVEN F5219 - high ground F5818 - KIRCHDAUN F5919 - STADT MECKENHEIM F4925 - FLERZHEIM F4628 - MORENHOVEN F4430. 9th Division. Advanced three miles east against light resistance and entered the ZUR KOTTEN FORST F4535. Captured HEIMERZHEIM F4135 and GIELSDORF F4936 and entered BUSCHHOVEN F4631. Front line change: BUSCHHOVEN F4631 - F4635 - GIELSDORF F4936. 1st Division. (With 14th Cav Gp atchd). Consolidated positions and then advanced four miles along the corps' left. Captured BRUHL F4148 - DERSDORF F4540 and BOTZDORF F4839. Entered WALBERBERG F4244 and TRIPPELSDORF F4243. Front line change: BOTZDORF F4839 - DERSDORF F4540 - TRIPPELSDORF F4243 - WALBERBERG F4244 - F4248.

VII Corps. Resistance generally light on the corps front. All bridges over the RHINE River in the corps zone have been blown. 8th Division. (Less 13th Inf). Advanced one mile southeast and captured KENDENICH F4052, FISCHENICH F4051, RONDORF F4553 and MESCHENICH F4351. Enemy infantry supported by tanks continued to offer resistance in the vicinity of F4552. Front line change: MESCHENICH F4351 - RONDORF F4553. 104th Division. Advanced one mile after house-to-house fighting in COLOGNE F4459. Front line change: F4655 - F4656 - F4657 - F4658 - F4559 - F4560. 3d Armored Division. (With 13th Inf and 4th Cav Gp atchd). Continued the advance into COLOGNE F4459 and eliminated all resistance in the division zone to the RHINE River. Front line change: RHINE River at F4560 north to NIEHL F4566. 99th Division. Cleared all remaining organized resistance from the division zone to the RHINE River.